

MEW URBAN ARTS





News in 2012

New Urban Arts completed its first year in **our new studio** and raised \$815,000 towards our **million dollar capital campaign**. We need your help to finish the job! Donate at: **newurbanarts.org**

Thirty youth completed paid internships in our **Summer programs**. The new **Art Inquiry program resource guide** is available online at **newurbanarts.org/the-exchange**.

Students Michelle Olivo and Sherly Torres won scholarships to participate in the **Pre-College Summer Studio at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts** in Boston this past June.

A big thank you to the two donors that made it possible!

The fifth annual **Conversations on Creative Practice** audio is available online: **newurbanarts.org/ exchange/audio-library**.

Thank you to departing **Arts Mentoring Fellows**Emmy Bright and Kedrin Frias, and welcome to the new fellows Rick Benjamin and Beth Nixon. Learn more about the fellows at **newurbanarts.org/people**.

We welcomed **five new board members**: Andrew Oesch, Douglas Best, Alma Minerva Carrillo López, Stephen DelSesto and Tom Fitzgerald. Thank you to departing board members Lisa Carcieri and Board Chair Myrth York. Read about our new board leadership inside.

Westminster Street has become a **youth development corridor**. Down the street from New Urban Arts you'll find **Inspiring Minds** and **Youth Pride Inc.**, our friends and partners.

Thanks to the help of volunteers, we've updated and organized our **studio library** and created a **Zen Zone**!

New Urban Arts presented across the country this year, here's a few: Leading with Values at Providence College (Providence RI), President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (Washington DC), Connecting Professional Artists with Teen Artists at Smack Mellon Gallery (Brooklyn NY) and The Bridge After School Conference (Seattle WA).

¡FELIZ QUINCEAÑERA, NUA!

Look for new Spanish language content online: newurbanarts.org/en-espanol

Para más información en español, visite nuestra website: newurbanarts.org/en-espanol

Events to look forward to this year:

December 15:

Cardboard Pancakes Holiday Art Sale

February 15:

Student Mid-Year Exhibition, 5-7 pm

March & April:

Series of Conversations on Creative Practice, dates and times to be determined.

April 11:

Annual Campaign Event

May 17:

End of Year Art Party, 4-8 pm

All at New Urban Arts, 705 Westminster Street. Check www.newurbanarts.org for more details on our gallery events, as well as up-to-date additions to our event calendar.

New Urban Arts is a place to create things away from home and also a place to meet amazing, talented adults. Connecting with adults was pretty hard for me before NUA. Now I cannot only talk to them, I consider a lot of them friends.

— Katie O'Connell, student

To me, New Urban Arts is four letters, H-O-M-E. I love how I can be myself at NUA and I love the friendships that are created here.

- Erin Taber, student

15 Years of New Urban Arts!

Dear friend,

I write to share with you that I'm resigning in December and returning to New York to join the staff of the Queens Museum of Art where I will take on the position of Director of Education. I'm really sad to be leaving New Urban Arts but excited that it's in the hands of a passionate and engaged board of directors and a talented staff.

In 2003, I received a Sandra Olson Award for "extraordinary commitment to New Urban Arts." To this day, it's the only personal recognition I hang on my wall. There's a quote on it by Deborah Meier, who developed a network of small community public high schools:

Democracy demands that we acknowledge everyone's inalienable capacity to be an inventor, dreamer, and theorist—to count in the larger scheme of things.

I read this every morning getting ready for work.

It reminds me why a sometimes messy, sometimes loud, but always loving storefront art studio for low-income teenagers truly matters in the "grand scheme of things."

You'll see in this newsletter evidence of our belief in everyone's capacity to be **inventors**, **dreamers**, **and theorists**, regardless of their background.

Thank you for supporting this important work. I am so grateful for all I've had a chance to learn and do at New Urban Arts and am excited to continue to watch this community grow and evolve as a friend, donor and advocate.

In gratitude,

Jason Yoon, Executive Director

2011–12 Studio Participants

sandra olson award winners

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Emily Ustach
Noel Puello
Sara Bergman
Site Specific

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Above: New Urban Arts presented this painting of our new home (detail above left) to Myrth York at our annual meeting (above right). Painting by student Sara Tolbert; Below: "Inside Looking Out" by student Mandara Arnold.

New Leadership at New Urban Arts

On September 18 at New Urban Arts, we celebrated Myrth York's extraordinary leadership: four years as the Chair of the Board of Directors, six years as a Director of the Board, and countless years of friendship and support. Youth, artists, staff and board members past and present unveiled and dedicated a permanent wall of youth portraits to Myrth in recognition of her service and honored her with the gift of a painting of our new studio by recent grad Sara Tolbert. Under Myrth's leadership, New Urban Arts has expanded its reach in the community, attracted national accolades and, most recently, doubled its space by securing a permanent home for its programs in a newly renovated and centrally located 4,000 square-foot art studio and gallery. Myrth's leadership, vision and passion for our city's youth have been driving forces behind all of this success.

We are excited to announce and welcome **Professor Susan Smulyan** to lead our organization as Chair of the Board of Directors. As the Chair of New Urban Arts' Capital Campaign Committee, Susan has been instrumental in securing our new permanent home. She served as Vice Chair for the last four years and was unanimously voted on as the chair at our September 18th annual meeting. We also welcome officers **Derek Schusterbauer**, Vice Chair; **Michael Tanka**, Second Vice Chair; **Tom Fitzgerald**, Treasurer and **Andrew Oesch**, Secretary.

New Urban Arts is a beautiful mess that becomes an oasis to almost any other student. I love how coming to New Urban Arts distracts me from all other things.

-Jessabel Santos, student



2011–12 enrolled students

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* Alumni students and Alumni artist mentors

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YEARS OF IMPACT

Visit us sometime!

We are located at 705 Westminster Street in the West End of Providence, Rhode Island. The best time to catch the studio vibe is weekdays from 3-5pm when students and artist mentors are here.

Visit our website at www.newurbanarts.org or call 401.751.4556 for more information.

277

students enrolled in our after-school Youth Mentorship **Program this** year.

97%

agreed or strongly agreed that New Urban Arts is a safe and supportive environment.

75%

of students rated New Urban Arts' programs "outstanding."

97%

of student participants agreed or strongly agreed that they have built strong, trusting relationships.

Birthday wishes...

To mark our 15th birthday, we asked students, mentors, alums, and other community members what their birthday wishes for the studio are.

to have more desktop computers for



94%

of student participants developed a way of creating that expresses who they are, and 94% agreed that they are more open to trying new things.

22

artists, 2 tutors, and 1 senior life coach volunteered over 4,000 hours to mentor Providence high school students this year.

225

hours of summer programming offered paid internships in the arts for 30 youth.

7

seniors
participated in
College Visions,
a yearlong college
preparatory
program, and
6 of them
are attending
colleges around

URI, Salem College, Mass Art, Community College of Rhode Island, University of Pennsylvania, and College of the Holy Cross.

the country:

2,200

people attended 21 events and exhibitions at New Urban Arts this year, the majority free and open to the public.

\$108,000

Over \$108,000 in donations received via the Annual Campaign.



I have built strong relationships with my mentors and I can say that there are other people that know me well besides my family. They bring out my true essence, in addition to bringing out the best in me.

- Yolibel Gonzalez, student



Above: Artwork created by student Michi Olivo during the Pre-College Summer Studio at SMFA in Boston, where two New Urban Arts students were awarded full scholarships. Photo: Jesse Banks III



Alumni and Donor Profile

Kwajo Ankoma was one of New Urban Arts' founding students in 1997. Kwajo and this original group of students and artist mentors came up with the name "New Urban Arts." After three years as a student at New Urban Arts, Kwajo went to Rhode Island College where he studied graphic communication. After starting 1 Stop Media, a web design company in Boston, Kwajo made the jump to the west coast, where he is now a User Interface Engineer for Apple. Last year he made his first gift to the New Urban Arts annual campaign and shared with us why personal giving is important to him.

"Years ago, someone else made a donation for me to have the opportunity to be part of this after-school program [New Urban Arts]. Now that I'm in a better situation, I feel it's my responsibility to make sure that someone else has that opportunity too. In today's age, I hear about how the arts are being

cut from public schools and it's seen as secondary. But the arts are important, they're a great outlet for creativity, and it gives kids a balance from the everyday curriculum. As a donor, it's my opportunity to open up those possibilities for kids.

The bottom line, my donation is about making sure that the opportunities I had exist for someone else."

Our Annual Campaign makes our nationally recognized arts programs available to the teenagers who need them most. It gives them the tools they need to lead creative and meaningful lives. If you want to learn more about our annual campaign visit: newurbanarts.org/give.html

Check out the back of this newsletter for our full list of donors in the 2012 campaign.

Find out how to...

get involved with New Urban Arts. Everyone brings something unique to the community, and together all of these talents and efforts make us stronger.

...enroll as a student anytime throughout the year.

...mentor for an entire school year, from October through May. We accept applications every September.

...volunteer for the duration of a special project, especially if you are skilled at carpentry, gallery installation or data-entry.

...become a donor of tax-deductible art materials and equipment or monetary gifts. Sponsorship opportunities are available for exhibitions, performances and our annual silent auction.

Application forms for students, artist mentors and volunteers are online at www.newurbanarts.org or at our studio at 705 Westminster Street.



Above left: Kwajo Ankoma (second from left back row) was one of our founding year students in 1997. Today he's an alumni donor. He says, "Years ago, someone else made a donation for me to have the opportunity to be part of this after-school program ... it's my responsibility to make sure that someone else has that opportunity too."; Above: Drawing Artist Mentor Aneudy Alba with Yolibel Gonzalez. Photo: Jesse Banks III.



New Urban Arts junior Yolibel Gonzalez's piece displayed in the storefront window at the Dirt Palace, a feminist art collective in Providence.

Studio Life Online

To find out what New Urban Arts is up to, including the latest opportunities to get involved and connect with the studio, sign up to receive our Monthly E-news at www.newurbanarts.org

Get an inside look at New Urban Arts on Flickr: flickr.com/photos/newurbanarts

Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/newurbanarts

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generated content:

Check out **The Exchange**, a new area of our website that gathers a variety of on-line resources related to our pedagogy and practices, along with student-

newurbanarts.org/the-exchange/

New Urban Arts Students Curate Displays at the Dirt Palace

New Urban Arts students curated two window displays at the **Dirt Palace** last Spring. Located at the storefront window that faces the busy Olneyville Square intersection, the space featured illustrations by student **Yolibel Gonzalez** and soon after showcased a wild forest scene where animals grow leaves on their antlers and squirrels wear yellow dresses. Students collaborated with artist mentor **Priscilla Carrion**, using a variety of different media, including block printing, sumi ink, acrylic, and paper boats.

The Dirt Palace is an art collective that hosts a new installation by a variety of local and international artists every month. For more information about their work, visit **www.dirtpalace.org**.

Photos here:

http://dirtpalace.org/window.htm

Photos of making the work here:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/newurbanarts

Stewardship

A Poem from Mid Year Makings by Student Brigette Larmena

Dear artists. Welcome to the world of art. You will find the answer to every question your school teacher couldn't answer. The truth of life will be revealed to you, as you will be the creator. You are god. You hold the power to mold and make. You have the power, for you are an artist.

Dear artist, beware. Do not be fooled.

The norms do not apply to you. Understand the rules are meant to be broken. Coloring outside of the line is too mainstream. Burn the line and draw a new one. Disregard the naysayers, they doubt because they have not come into themselves. We are the leaders of revolutions, though a hard task, the end result is more than worth it.

Dear artists. Connect, find others. There are millions of other artists just waiting to be found. Combine and express. It is your birth right.

Dear artists. Thank you for bringing beauty into the world. You are gods. Art is life.

Resources for Educators

New Urban Arts has published two new resource guides for educators, artists and young people:

Encountering Encounter and Placemaking.

Each publication details curriculum from a recent annual Summer Art Inquiry, a thematic summer arts program for high school students. The program invites scholars, artists and high school students to spend July and August collectively exploring a common theme from a multi-disciplinary standpoint including research, art-making, creative writing and personal inquiry.

The publication's format allows readers to adapt activities from our Summer Art Inquiry to your educational environment or personal artistic practice.

The resource guides can be downloaded for free at www.newurbanarts.org/the-exchange

Printed editions are available for purchase online at Lulu Press. Visit **stores.lulu.com/newurbanarts**



Scale model of the 2010 Summer Art Inquiry exhibit, created from memory by scholar and artist in residence Laurencia Strauss.

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